The Founder Fire

"Fire that's closest kept burns most of all."

News and Views of the Founder Fellowship

THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION, 3930 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis 8, Mo.

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AN EASTER HALLELUJAH

Easter, - Hallelujah!
  Life, exultant and strong!
Stricken forever be sadness,
  pierced by the arrows of song!

Empty, the tombs of the ages,
  lit by thy luminous dawn!
Present, the dream of the sages,
  "Now", is "Eternity's morn!"

Sing! The heavens are quaking, -
  Sing! The billows are shaking, -
Sing! All nature is making
  one rolling tumultuous song!
Sing, with exuberant madness,
your spirit's unquenchable gladness:

Life - forever abundant!
Joy - forever redundant!
Truth - in power victorious!
Love - triumphant and glorious!

God - O Life ascendant!
God - O Beauty resplendent!
God - O Spirit transcendent!
God - is God alone!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
  Hallelujah!

- Kodaya

MINIWANCA PREVIEW - 1960...Another big season is in store at Miniwanca. OLDER GIRLS AND BOYS CAMPS are fully registered, with the exception of a few places being held for former campers who have been uncertain whether they could return. If you're in this group, better get your name in pronto! There are Reserve Lists for OB and G Camps, and as there are vacancies, these people who are awaiting the good word of places, will be moved up to the accepted lists. If you are registered, we hope nothing will keep you from getting back for another two weeks of fellowship and training. Those who hold quota places - please send us the names of your delegates as soon as possible.

CABIN LEADERS...We have spots open for Cabin Leaders in both OG & OB Camps. We need GRADS and FORMER LEADERS to help us in the big job of staffing the camps. If you are a grad or have served as a leader, and are not now registered, how about planning to come back this summer? Dates of the camps are on the cover page of this Founder Fire. It would truly be a "refresher" for you, and a service to the Foundation and to youth. If interested, write for your leader blank and card.... Many of you have had word from us about recommending TEACHERS and others in the educational field for special leadership scholarships. A number of these recommendations have come, and we hope to have many more. This is a fine opportunity to introduce your teacher friends to the Founder camps. You know the kind of leaders we need - people with genuine Christian commitment, and who will be thoroughly in sympathy with the Miniwanca program, and who will enjoy outdoor living and all that goes with it. YOUTH LEADERS other than teachers are needed, too - church, rural, etc. Send names and addresses, and something about their youth leadership experience. Candidates should preferably be between 22 and 45 years of age.

YOUNGER GIRLS AND BOYS CAMPS at Miniwanca have long since been filled for 1960. Applications presently being filed for Younger Girls will not have places until 1963 camp, and the Younger Boy unit is registered one or two years in advance. Children of former campers and other prospects should get applications in well before the 11 year minimum age requirement, if they are interested in attending camp as soon as they are old enough.

YOUNGER CAMP LEADERSHIP - If you know a fine college age fellow who would make a good YB leader, won't you talk with him about it, and if he is interested, send his name to Bob Steiger. Younger camp leadership is a wonderful laboratory experience for those planning to go into teaching, the ministry, social work, etc. There may possibly be an opening or two for Younger Girls Camp leader applicants. If interested, write to Dorty Kerr.

OPENINGS ON WORKSTAFF - There are openings on our staff for fellows 17 years of age or older to work in our camp kitchens and on our grounds. We may also have a few openings for girls 18 years of age or older, in our kitchens. This is a real opportunity to get fine experience in quantity cookery, under the supervision of our dietitians. It is an especially valuable experience for Home Ec majors. Scholarships and half scholarships are offered Workstaffers to attend OB & G Camps - the amount dependent upon how long they work. If you are interested and available,or if you have friends to recommend, write for details. We also have openings for COUPLES to help with the last conference of the summer and during the second week, to help stow away the camp for the winter. Dates are September 5 to 16. This is a work-vacation proposition. The couples help in the commissary department during the Danforth Graduate Fellow program during the first week, and then during the second week they work half days, with the remainder of the days and evenings for rest and recreation. We are sorry not to invite couples to bring children, but that is impossible. Miniwanca weather is usually very beautiful in early September. If you are interested, write for more information.

MERROWVISTA PREVIEW - 1960 ... IN SPITE OF WINTRY STORMS AND SNOW FOUR FEET DEEP, spring is in the air at Merrowvista, and plans are well under way for another challenging summer. Workmen are already at work converting our old kitchen into a completely remodeled,up-to-date kitchen with modern, new equipment for even better-than-ever meals. In fact, the entire kitchen wing of the dining hall is being renovated, with a large dry storage room under the kitchen.

AND AS SOON AS THE GROUND IS FREE OF SNOW, THE LONG AWAITED NEW JERSEY LODGE WILL BE STARTED, to be completed by camp time, giving us another much needed lodge for classes and meetings. In addition, two bedrooms will be included in this lodge for additional housing facilities for staff and faculty. A good portion of the cost of this lodge will come from contributions of our loyal New Jersey Founder friends.

FOUR MORE NEW LODGES are called for in our expansion program.How about it Founders? Which states would like to place their names over the doors? Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, New York? Any others? If you're interested in starting a fund for your state lodge, write our Gardner office, and we'll help you get going.

REMEMBER THE WATERFRONT, a mighty important place for our Merrowvista campers - well it too will receive a face-lifting. This summer all of the swimming docks will be new, extending out into water deep enough for real diving and swimming, with a separate, roped-off area for beginners. We'll also have a boat dock this year so that we can adequately handle our rowboats and canoes. All of this is in addition to the lovely new boathouse completed last fall. So, for all who are lucky enough to be at camp this summer - well, you'll just enjoy looking around a bit and seeing the new items.

OUR YOUNGER BOYS CAMP IS PREPARING FOR AN EXTRA SPECIAL BIG YEAR. After a very fine first year, the Y.B. camp will be a full four-week camp in its own separate area. In fact, with the exception of the waterfront, the YB'ers won't be using any of our main camp facilities. They'll have their own area, taking their meals in the new New Jersey Lodge, and living in real outdoor style. For housing, what more could a YB'er ask than a real, honest-to-goodness Indian tepee! Yes sir, that's what it will be - and the program will be geared to the out-of-doors, too, with plenty of opportunities to live, work, play, study and worship in the great outdoors, which is so important to us at Merrowvista. A truly outstanding leadership staff for both Y.B. and Y.G. will be on hand, with many old-timers heading the list. So, get those registrations in quickly, so you will have a place.

ATTENTION 1959 THIRD YEAR CAMPERS! You have the chance to set a real record for recent years. If each one who is eligible to graduate this summer attends O.G. and O.B., we'll break the record set in O.G. last year for our new era camps. So, don't let anything stop you. You know the dates - get your registration in! Let this year be the culmination of three years of past achievements. We'll have new faces in the Older Camps, too, with some additional faculty leadership to challenge you in classroom sessions.

THE DAY OF MARCH FUND has gone over the top for 1959. CONGRATULATIONS FOUNDERS AND FRIENDS! With some last minute promotion of our Advisory Committee we hit the top almost exactly one year from our first letter. We are now beginning the second year. If you've made a pledge for five years, your second installment can be paid at anytime. If you only made a gift for one year, well - another gift would be equally appreciated. These funds are being spent for capital improvements at Merrowvista, and each dollar goes a long way toward keeping the program rolling!

THE MERROWVISTA ADVISORY COMMITTEE is happy to announce the appointment of an additional member, Mrs. Ralph Booker (Jean Daly) of Dayton, Ohio. Jean, a graduate of Miniwanca,and for five summers Director of the Younger Girls Camp at Merrowvista, has been one of our most loyal and enthusiastic supporters through the years, and we are happy that she is taking on this additional role of responsible leadership for Merrowvista.

SNOW WILL SOON BE OUT OF COUNCIL DELL. The cheers, singing and enthusiastic acclamation of successful stunts will soon be echoing off Sentinal Mountain. The ice will shortly be off Dan Hole Pond, and Merrowvista canoes will be skimming the waters. The leaves will soon be sprouting forth along the trail to Hillside, and smoke will be rising from the campfires along Lost Brook. There will be memories haunting us as we sit quietly in the evening, thinking of those who have sat where we will be sitting. But our thoughts will turn shortly to the future. For with us at Merrowvista, though we build on the foundations of the past, the future is always the challenge. The visions of years to come, the myriad of campers, some still to be born, always stand beckoning. The future is ours! The future is theirs! Each one of us will want to be a part of that future!

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- ED CLARK

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NEWS OF FOUNDERS HERE AND THERE . . . Grad ANNE "Cary" EASTMAN is back from the Congo and is working in New York as Administrative Assistant to the Africa Sec'y for the Methodist Board of Missions, Woman's Division...1958 Miniwanca Night Watchman GEORGE EKERN is in England on a Rotary International Fellowship as a post-graduate law student at the London School of Economics, one of the colleges of the University of London. George writes of a most interesting year. During Christmas vacation he visited friends at the Hague and took the Lorelei Express down the Rhine Valley to Mannheim. During spring vacation he plans to go to Paris, and after the close of school to spend two months on the continent before returning home in August...At the University of Wisconsin NANCY MUNSON is having a busy year. She's Editor of the Phys. Ed. departmental paper, sings in the choir at University Presbyterian Church where she sees FERIAL DEER and GINNY HAYNES frequently, and works part-time in the research dep't of the Phys. Ed. department. Nancy writes: "I had a wonderful time playing field hockey with SALLIE EKERN and enjoyed singing and reminiscing with her this fall. The Madison team was certainly proud of her when she made the first team representing the Midwest in the National Tournament!"... SALLIE also served on the committee selecting the National team...OG camper KAY POORE is one of five recently elected to the newly organized Women's Advisory Council at the University of Kentucky...Dayton, Ohio leader JANE CONGLETON wrote an article which won a second prize in a recent "Scholastic Teacher" Travel Story Awards Contest...1942 OB Camper GORDON HANSON of North Dakota is now a Chaplain at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver...JOANNE (Amick) COMER writes interestingly of life in Panama, where her husband is stationed at the U.S. Naval Station in Rodman. ...In Dallas, Texas, JEANNETTE (Conrad) NELSON is an Occupational Therapist in a Psychiatric Hospital while her husband attends Perkins School of Theology...BARRY ALLEN and TOM FRYMAN are both at Harvard this year, and they recently had dinner together and talked of their Miniwanca experiences...At Northwestern University PATSY THRASH has earned her PhD in Student Personnel Administration.Congratulations, Patsy!...ELEANOR ("Asia" Minor) PERROW called the Founder office in St. Louis recently on her way back to Augusta, Georgia from a trip to see her daughter in San Francisco. "Asia" is serving as Secretary at Reid Memorial Church in Augusta, the church which President Eisenhower attends when he is in Augusta...AL GREMSE, President of the AYF of New Hampshire, and long-time Merrowvistan, was elected to the Board of Directors of Blount Brothers Construction Company, Montgomery, Alabama.

WO-WI-FO-FI DOLLARS ABROAD

From Punjab, India, MAXINE BURCH writes that the Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe gift was the real heart of Christmas in her work at the Christian Medical Center. "We were able to provide Christmas cards and sweets for every patient in our hospital, and it was such fun to see the joy as the nurses distributed them. Also it helped in the gifts for the men of our staff. All twenty received warm sweaters and a basket of fruit."...Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe also provided Christmas happiness in Ghana, West Africa, where JOANNE DESMOND is working. She writes that children of leprosy patients at the government leprosarium were given evaporated milk, tinned fish, and a toy at their Christmas party...From Sendai, Japan, IVAN DORNAN writes: "To all of the campers who have contributed to the Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe Fund we send a hearty thank-you! The gift will be used for clothing and food for the children of pioneer farmers near the city where we live. These people live in dire poverty, and the children have no opportunity to go to school."...In Lima, Peru, AIDA FERRARONE bought 150 cotton T-shirts to give to children who are working together with Father Luminato to build a city for children who, like themselves, have no home and no parents...In Avadi, South India where WALLACE FORGIE conducts Camp Tonakela for undernourished children, Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe dollars were used to buy shirts and shorts for 43 boys and skirts and waists for 22 girls who were chosen as most in need from among a host of needy. Writes Wallie Forgie, "We were able to get these outfits for less than $1.00 each, but you should see how much it has done for the children who received them"...MARY GARCIA is living in Caracas, Venezuela, and she sends this word after receiving a Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe check: "In the hills on the eastern side of Caracas live 80 thousand people. They live in tiny shacks, many of which do not have water or electricity. Thousands of the children do not even go to school, nor have proper food to eat, nor proper clothing to wear. It was in this area I chose to spend the check that the campers so kindly sent. I want the campers to know how much their gift is appreciated by children of foreign lands."..."Please accept our very sincere thanks" writes GEORGE GOSSELINK from Basrah, Iraq. "The money is being used to supply milk daily to some of our poor students, and also some clothing."..."Your generous gift has gone to the meal fund for undernourished children here in Hong Kong" writes Bishop Hall, who administers Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe funds for DR. T. Z. KOO. The fund furnishes one good meal a day for children who never have enough to eat. In Japan, KEIICHI HARADA used part of his portion of the money to help relieve suffering in Nagoya where a typhoon swept away almost a third of the city. Part of his portion has gone into scholarships for university students and part of it to a Tokyo church which needs strengthening and support...JOHN HOOPER who is in the Belgian Congo is helping to support an eager student who is working his way through school...In Free China at Taiwan College, JOHNSON SHING has used Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe dollars to establish 8 tuition scholarships for needy students...LLOYD MONROE writes from Aruba, Netherlands, Antilles, of the vast degree of ignorance and superstition in that area and tells how he has used our Founder money to help with the support of a fatherless family... From the Egyptian Sudan area, PHYLLIS OAKLEY writes that she has made new shoes and towels possible for some of the children living in the territory...Fresh fruit and milk and clothing went to a needy Chinese family on Singapore through the efforts of DIXIE OEHLER...LORE GABLER PAASCHE has given her share of Founder dollars to an orphanage of the native church in East Africa where she and her husband are serving as missionaries...VIRGINIA GRAY PRUITT has furnished scholarship money for young people in the Congo...Serving as Dean of Women at a college in Punjab, India, DR. PADMINI RAMASESHAN used her money to help start a Christian fellowship of college students...DR. TINSLEY SMITH, working in the Belgian Congo, is using Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe money to buy soya meal which treats a certain disease of the native children and can literally save their lives. He says, "Please pass on to the givers the word that their gift will be used to bring health and life to large numbers of the young folks of the Congo...MASAKO TAGO in Japan, says that Founder dollars have made it possible for her to provide clothing and medicine for some of the neediest patients in her hospital...And so - - our dollars go far and wide!

MORE NEWS OF FOUNDERS ... DR. J. GARROTT ALLEN was one of twelve alumni honored at the Washington University Founders' Day ceremonies in St. Louis on Feb. 21st. The following citation was read: "In recognition of his many significant contributions to the science of medicine through his work with the Manhattan Project during World War II, his subsequent research activities centered on blood coagulation and blood clotting, and his valuable discovery of a method to inactivate the virus serum hepatitis from transfusions of human plasma, this citation is awarded to J. Garrott Allen." We congratulate Garrott upon this fine honor. He is now head of the Dep't of Surgery at Leland Stanford Hospital, Palo Alto, Calif....DELICIA McAFEE CRAFT is hoping to make it back to OG at Miniwanca this summer, when the Witiya Class will have a re-union. We hope several other of you Witiyans are planning to come back to be leaders at OG. Let us hear from you! ... And how about you 1950 OB Grads of the Maka Ticage class? It's your 10-year re-union year, too. Better plan to get back! H.R. CAFFEY of Mississippi writes he may be able to make it. We hope there will be others. ...ELEANOR (Keep) HARLE, Wakitan, is presently an assistant instructor in Anatomy and Microbiology at Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing. She writes: "My husband listens to talk of Miniwanca with one ear. He's in law school. If only he could <u>see</u> Miniwanca!"

ETHEL "Robin" and JOHN BRAUNS are off to Africa on a "Cape to Cairo Safari." They will be returning to the states shortly after May 1st. We'll hope to hear from Robin about it at OG Camp at Miniwanca...MISS MARGARET HICKEY is also in Africa, on a trip for the Ladies Home Journal, of which she is Public Affairs Editor...Camper JUDY CALDWELL, student at McMurray College, is leading a busy life on her campus and participating in a number of community service projects including chapel services at a State Mental Hospital, teaching Sunday School, and an Inter-Racial rehabilitation Project. She was in a state Bowling Tournament on March 1st...From the Medical Corps, Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., Lt. R. J. (Bob) HOEHN writes of his travels with the Navy during the past year. He spent considerable time in Japan, visiting the principal cities, including Hiroshima. He visited Hong Kong, parts of Borneo, the Philippines and Okinawa. His ship also touched points in Alaska. Next August Bob will begin his surgical residency at McGill University, Montreal General Hospital...In January, in the church paper of Dr. HOWARD MUMMA's church - First Methodist of Cuyahoga Falls, O., there is a picture of NANCY (Blake) HARVEY, who conducted a week-end of missionary education in the church. As her camp friends will remember, Nancy spent three years as a special-term missionary in North Africa. The church paper says of Nancy, "She is one of the most appealing and interesting young people's representatives in Christian vocations to-day."...

A card recently came to the Founder office from HELEN RHODA DAVIDSON from New Orleans. She and her sisters have been enjoying a sojourn in the South...KENNETH MAYER of Pennsylvania is Executive Secretary for two state trade associations - Pa. Sand & Gravel Producers Ass'n., and Pa. Ready Mixed Concrete Ass'n. Ken writes that his brother DON, a Captain in the Marine Corps, is in Okinawa for 14 months... FRANCES "Frannie" DUFF visited JENNIE DOIDGE in Cleveland one week-end in January. We look forward to having Frannie back with us at Miniwanca this summer...JOHN HEFTI is an actor with the Cleveland Playhouse and will go with them on their 1960-61 tour which will last for 30 weeks. They expect to have a repertory of three plays...DOROTHY JEAN (Buchanan) DAVIDSON writes happily of life in Madison, Wis., where she is home-maker and research associate in the Biochemistry Department of the University of Wisconsin. When their little son Scott Arthur Davidson was baptized by Dorothy Jean's father, Dr. Buchanan used one of the Founder medals as his theme, and then gave the medal to Scotty to use when he is older...If DAVE STAGER can complete the requirements for a Master's degree at John Hopkins before leaving for Oxford in September, he will be a leader in Older Boys Camp at Miniwanca this summer. Dave has been honored by being named a Rhodes Scholar...SHUK FON "Fooney" YUEN, 1955 and '56 Miniwanca leader, will conduct a tour to her native Hawaii this summer. She is a teacher in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

FOUNDER ARRIVALS: Martin Johannes to Mr. & Mrs. Christian Paasche (LORE GABLER) 5/2/59; Susan Carol to Rev. & Mrs. JOSEPH N. PEACOCK 8/24/59; Edan McRae to Mr. & Mrs. Frederic C. Thompson (CAROLINE LAYTON) 9/29/59; Yu-I-Chi to Mr. & Mrs. Koichi Kurosawa (KIYOKO TANABE)10/59; Jeffrey to Mr. & Mrs. Terry Turner (LEANNE ATKINSON) 10/1/59; Laurie to Mr. & Mrs. John M. Moore (LAURA LEE JENSEN) 11/7/59; Nancy Jo to Mr. & Mrs. John J. Schuster (JOSEPHINE ILTIS) 11/13/59; Peter Bush to Mr. & Mrs. TED COPELAND (PEGGY MILL) 11/30/59; Kurt Alan to Mr. & Mrs. Keith Weibel (MARY LOU RUST) 12/2/59; Karin Catherine to Mr. & Mrs. John Bergh (ROSALIE VINCENZ)12/7/59; Kelly Mark to Mr. & Mrs. Donald M. Cresap (MARILYN NORDMARK) 12/14/59; Jennifer to Mr. & Mrs. STUART LECK, Jr. 12/24/59; Jeffrey Thomas to Mr. & Mrs.Thomas J. Warhola (YVONNE BURKHARDT) 1/20/60; Lisa Anne to Mr. & Mrs. Glenn A. Keirle (JEANNE TANNER) 1/20/60; Toney Nelson to Mr. & Mrs. Toney Phillips (MARY MITCHELL) 1/30/60; Stuart Cole to Mr. & Mrs. Daniel J. Murray (MARY COLE) 2/1/60; Douglas Erwin to Mr. & Mrs. EUGENE E. ROBINSON (MARLENE HUTCHINSON) 2/2/60; Sharon Rose to Mr. & Mrs. James L. Rhinesmith (ELEANOR CRAWFORD WIRTH) 2/6/60; Kimberly Ellen to Dr. & Mrs. Robert W. Parsons (ELISE HAMPTON) 2/14/60; Steven Gregory to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tanner (JEAN GOOD)2/14/60; John Gill to Mr.& Mrs. John Gill Wright (MARGUERITE WILLIAMS)7/14/60; Charles Edwin to Dr. & Mrs. Alan Rice (ROBINETTE JOHNSON) 2/27/60 . . .

FOUNDER MARRIAGES: PHYLLIS McBRAYER to Bert Dixon 6/28/59; SHARON AUSTIN to Richard F. Keister 9/12/59; VIRGINIA DAHL to Gary Flack 10/59; PETER EKERN to Nancy Jane Anderson 12/12/59; RUBY GOOD to Ray W. Strand 1/8/60; Frederic C. Kautz to SARAH KING 2/20/60; LLOYD DOERBAUM to Ione Carolyn White 2/26/60; PEGGY KLEINE to Don Robert Daseke 3/26/60; SUSAN JANE LAYTON to Warner Kent Brown 4/9/60

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LARMON R. ABBOTT - January 15, 1960

MRS. JOSEPH PANCAKE (ELIZABETH ROBERTS - January 17, 1960

REV. HAROLD F. POST - February 7, 1960

CLAUDE L. WELCH - March 1, 1960

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MRS. ROBERT MURPHY

Many Founders have doubtless read and heard of the tragic death of Mrs. Robert Murphy of Riverside, Illinois. Mrs. Murphy was the mother of campers Sally, John, Julie and Mary. Founder friends join with others the world over in sending loving sympathy to the Murphy family.

We of The American Youth Foundation are touched and humbled that the Murphy family has named us recipients of gifts to a Memorial Fund for Mrs. Murphy. In consultation with the family, we are making plans for a fitting memorial to Mrs. Murphy at Camp Miniwanca.

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Yes indeed - it's Treasure Hunt time. Thanks to you campers, leaders and grads who have already sent your contributions to the fund, which is used for scholarship purposes. The plan was originated years ago by those who had attended the camps, and who asked for the privilege of expressing gratitude for their own camp experiences.

THERE'S STILL TIME to help some promising young person get to camp in 1960. Some of you may wish to give a full scholarship of $55. Others may want to give a half scholarship of $27.50. Gifts in any amount are welcome. Make your checks or money orders payable to American Youth Foundation and earmark them for "Treasure Hunt-Scholarship Fund."

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HEADS UP - MINIWANCA PICTURE-TAKERS! We want to have several good colored picture post cards made up for sale in our camp store at Miniwanca. We are looking over all possible colored prints which are of the right size and "brand." We are especially eager to have good scenes of camp. Prints should be Kodachrome (we are told these are necessary - other brands do not make up as well)and should be 3 x 5 or a similar size. Prints made from 35 mm slides are not usable. If you have a good print which you think might be suitable for a post card,won't you please loan your print and negative to the Founder office. We shall see that all are carefully returned.

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ATTENTION 1959 MINIWANCA WORKSTAFF AND CAMPERS! A considerable sum of money was found at Compton Lodge near the end of the season. As yet we have not located the person who lost the money. If you think it might belong to you, write the Founder office giving details.

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In his January letter to the Friends within the Greater Danforth Fellowship, DR. KENNETH BROWN wrote of his memories of WM. H. DANFORTH - "Minisino." We quote from Dr. Brown's beautifully written letter:

"'Sincerely but daringly yours' was the preface for his signature on all of his letters. Once I argued with him, 'Ought it not be - Sincerely and daringly?' Without giving me reasons, he answered that he wanted it the way it was. I think perhaps in his thinking, sincerity was a very important but a relatively staid virtue; and to it he wanted to add adventure, a challenging outreach, and so the but.

"Many of us never hear the word 'Dare' without thinking of Mr. Danforth. It is an achievement to earn the right to have a single word, provided it be an honorable word, so completely associated with one's life and character!

"Only last summer I commented to a friend that her sons had superb posture. She laughed and said, 'When you have been taught to Stand Tall, you teach your children to do it, too.'

"Mr. Danforth liked people; I have never known a man who liked people more genuinely, and more fully. He measured his friends by the thousands, the great and the non-great, the famed and the unknown, the old and the young; and I honestly think he had no preference except that his love was stronger for the young.

"And the 'young' whom he counseled and loved, and oftentimes financially aided, are scattered literally in every state of the Union and around the world - some still young, and others in middle age and still others in the golden years. You name the country, and I'll name a man or woman there who counts the influence of Mr. Danforth as one of life's most precious gifts."

CHITS and CHATS ... KAY (Justice) JACOB is working in the Occupational Therapy Department of St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis...From CAROLYN PARSONS at Grinnell College comes word that she has received a travel grant scholarship to teach next year in an overseas underdeveloped area. She writes: "On the opening day of OG this year I will probably be rising early somewhere in Asia to begin another day of teaching."...In early March ELSIE "Cockie" COCKRELL and husband, Loran, stopped briefly in St. Louis on their way to the West and Southwest for a six week trip... JUDY HUFFMAN, St. Louis camper, hasn't a thing to do this year! She's editor of her high school year book, secretary of the Human Relations group, on the school newspaper, a participant in girls' sports, Pep club, dramatics, church fellowship, choir and Sunday School, and has a job on Saturdays!...We are happy to hear that BRUCE McNEIL's plans for Camp Unalayee are coming along well. Property is now bring purchased for a permanent campsite...FRAN FLETCHER is enjoying life in Tacoma, Wash., where she is teaching. She is also taking a course in elementary Russian at a local college. Fran and her family plan to tour the West this summer coming back to Miniwanca in time for OG Camp...Two interesting write-ups of OB experience at Miniwanca have appeared in FFA publications. FRANK THOMAS, Virginia State President wrote in "Chapter Chats" about his trip to camp. We quote: "The two weeks I spent in the 'Camp of Golden Splendor' are the two most glorious weeks any one could spend in Christian Leadership Training. The experiences I had will live with me forever and I know the training I received will benefit me as your State President."...One of the North Dakota FFA boys, DARRYL EASTVOLD wrote interestingly of his experiences at Miniwanca and said:"I found the two weeks to be the most inspirational and thought-provoking of my life."...JUDY RIGHTER, presently at college at the U. of Colorado,hopes to spend part of the summer as a chaperone for American Field Service foreign students, traveling in America...At Miss.State College for Women, MARY VEITCH is Treasurer of the Student Christian Association. She was head of the drive for the World Service Fund, and of course with Mary's leadership, we would expect the drive to go "over the top" and more, which it did!...JOHANNA KHEIM is having an interesting year studying at the Sorbonne in Paris. The second day NANCY HAMMOND was in Paris, she and Johanna met on the street! Both girls expect to be back at Miniwanca for OG Camp...At Morgantown, West Va., SARAH (Lynch) and Rev. MARCIN CARR have their first church - Riverside Methodist. They hope to have a camper from their church at Miniwanca this summer...

At the Crippled Children's School in Jamestown,N. Dak., SUE GENTRY has served this year as the Director of a new Homemaking Department...MARJORIE (Cavins) LEEPER is serving as Assistant Dean in the College of Letters and Science at the Univ. of Wis., and working on her thesis and "tending the home fires."...ART CHANDLER is now working in Philadelphia and he and his wife live in a suburb - Hatboro, Pa... On their trips in the Mediterranean this winter, two AYF Trustees happened to meet at the Crane Hotel at Barbados - Mrs. DOROTHY COMPTON and the HERMAN BOWMARS...We are happy at long last to have word from LARRY MARTIN, '53 Workstaffer and OB camper at Miniwanca, telling us that he is a full-time worker for the urban American Indian program in Minneapolis. He headquarters at Elliot Park Neighborhood House...At holiday time a card from MAE KLEVEN tells of her interesting six weeks last summer at the University of Oslo International Summer School. After school Mae toured the continent and visited a pen pal who lives on a dairy farm in the Alps...And speaking of Europe - WINIFRED WILDER will again conduct a trip this summer. They will sail out the new seaway from Montreal, and tour several European countries. They will see the Passion Play. Any Founders interested can contact Winifred at 161 Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, Tenn...JUDY SEVER of Clearwater, Fla., recently returned to Liberia where she is teaching home ec and chemistry in a Methodist school - College of West Africa. During vacation time Judy travels by truck, jeep, bus and on foot, to the interior of the Republic where she holds Bible classes for tribal children.

* * * * RUTH SEABURY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND * * * *

A scholarship fund in memory of Ruth Seabury has been established. The money will be used to bring international campers to Miniwanca. For further information write Wilbur Baughman, R.F.D. 1, Silver Spring, Md., or the AYF office. Contributions may be sent direct to the office in St. Louis. Checks should be made to the American Youth Foundation and ear-marked, "Seabury Memorial Scholarship Fund."

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OUR THANKS to you campers and leaders for your holiday greetings! It is wonderful to hear from all of you, and very thrilling to have the messages from all parts of the globe. We wish we could answer each one personally!

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ST. PAUL REUNION - A very remarkable reunion was held in St. Paul, Minn., on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 27 and 28. JENNIE DOIDGE and a group of approximately 100 former officers of the Young People's Council of the Ramsey County Sunday School Ass'n got together at House of Hope Church. Many who attended were Miniwanca campers and leaders. The Committee planning the reunion included BEN POMEROY, VIVIAN NORDQUIST, KATHERINE (Flad) and ROGER LUNDBERG, HAROLD MEIER, and MILDRED RENSTROM. Many came from some distance to attend. BILL McILVAINE, now located in California was there, and DELORES HARSTAD SHERRILL came from Florida. At a vesper service held on Sunday night Rev. WINSLOW WILSON spoke, BETTY (Tucker) MERNER told a Christmas story, and JENNIE DOIDGE conducted a candlelighting service. On Monday discussion groups were held, and JENNIE DOIDGE talked on the subject, "The Creative Years Ahead." Everyone who attended reports fun, fellowship, and a truly enriching experience. The offering taken at the vesper service will furnish scholarships to bring two young people from St. Paul to Camp Miniwanca this coming summer.

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